

## Subcommittee Issues

### Department of Public Safety

- Methamphetamine and Drug Use in Iowa- In FY 1999, SF 361 (Methamphetamine Act) specified that a clandestine laboratory emergency response team be composed of five narcotics agents, one Fire Marshal special agent, five State Patrol officers, one Division of Criminal Investigation (DCI) criminalist, and one Division of Narcotics Enforcement technical staff position. The Department of Public Safety has since re-organized the teams and designated ten State Troopers to a special enforcement team for the purposes of drug interdiction. The Governor is recommending \$175,728 and 2.00 FTE positions for drug interdiction. The Department of Public Safety is requesting an additional 10.0 FTE positions for State Troopers and 3.0 FTE positions for Communications Operators and a total of \$996,000 for drug interdiction. This would be the second drug interdiction team in Public Safety consisting of ten State Troopers. The Department is requesting an additional 6.0 special agent FTE positions in the Division of Narcotics Enforcement and \$660,000 to expand the current efforts to reduce the supply of illegal drugs. The Governor is recommending an additional \$594,000 and 6.00 FTE positions to expand the current efforts to reduce the supply of illegal drugs.
  - Please review the present drug interdiction and enforcement efforts.
  - Please provide statistics to address the success rate of these teams.
  - How will additional narcotics officer positions be utilized?
  - Please provide the Subcommittee with a staffing pattern of narcotics officers across the State.
  - Who is responsible for the clean-up costs of toxic waste at meth lab sites?
- Crime Lab — The Department of Public Safety has a request for an additional **five** criminalists to reduce the turn-around time on all crime lab cases. The Department's crime lab already has a space problem.
  - Please address the space issue in regards to what you are presently doing and what you propose to do in the meantime until space can be secured and a building can be built.
  - In FY 2001, the Department of Public Safety received \$156,000 and 4.00 FTE positions (Administrative Assistant 2's). Have these positions been filled?
  - Is there really an immediate need for a new facility? Please explain in detail.
  - What will happen if a new crime lab is not built? How long can you continue to operate under present conditions?

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### Traffic Law Enforcement

- What are your thoughts about the current speed limits in the State of Iowa?
- What are your thoughts about the current fine and fee schedule?
- Where do most accidents occur?
- Will a higher speed limit affect these areas? Are there trouble spots in Iowa where this would cause additional accidents?
- Gaming Enforcement Officers and 100% reimbursement — The Department of Public Safety is requesting an additional two gaming enforcement officers and \$94,000. The Department is proposing to pay for the additional officers with 100% reimbursement rate from gaming enforcement. Presently, the reimbursement rate is 80%. The Governor has budgeted \$1,352,333 in new revenue that the 100% gaming enforcement is estimated to generate.
  - Provide a current staffing pattern of gaming enforcement officers at all gaming facilities.
  - Please address the need for 2.00 additional Gaming Enforcement Officers.
  - How have gaming enforcement officers been funded in the past?
- Fire Marshal — In FY 2001, the building plan review fees received by the Fire Marshal's Office were to be deposited into the General Fund.
  - How much revenue did the new Code fee generate?
  - Does the Department of Public Safety propose Code changes to allow the Fire Marshal's Office to keep the receipts rather than depositing the fees into the General Fund?
  - Please provide the Subcommittee a list of statutory duties required of the Fire Marshal's office.
  - What additional duties has the Fire Marshal picked up in the last two years due to legislation passed by the General Assembly?
  - Please list your main concerns for the coming year concerning staffing and funding.

### Fire Fighter Training Fund

- With what is budgeted, how much training are we able to provide for the average small volunteer fire department?
- Is the Fire Marshal's office able to keep up with fire inspections and building inspections?
- Does the Fire Marshal's Office have to contract or contact other governmental agencies to meet inspection obligations?
- Is your office able to conduct inspections of the set-up of manufactured homes?

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- State contracts — Review the types of services for which the DPS contracts, such as data processing services. Are these contracts more cost effective than simply hiring State employees? Comparison of hourly rate.
- Is it possible to look at an alternative to the current health insurance packages? What are the pros and cons of self-insurance? What are the pros and cons of pooled resources?

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